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Arizona Cattle on Feed Inventory Down 14 Percent From Last Year

On May 1, 2010, Arizona had 268,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 14 percent from a year ago and down 4 percent from last month. Placements totaled 16,000 head during April, 24 percent less than a year ago. During April, 24,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 37 percent from last year.

On May 1, 2010, California had 435,000 head of cattle on feed for the slaughter market, down 3 percent from last year and down 1 percent from last month. Placements totaled 49,000 head during April, 28 percent less than last year. During April, 51,000 head were marketed, a decrease of 16 percent from a year ago.

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.5 million head on May 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below May 1, 2009.

Placements in feedlots during April totaled 1.63 million, 2 percent above 2009. Net placements were 1.54 million head. During April, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 365,000, 600-699 pounds were 300,000, 700-799 pounds were 469,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 495,000.

Marketings of fed cattle during April totaled 1.85 million, 1 percent below 2009.

Other disappearance totaled 89,000 during April, 29 percent above 2009.

Cattle on Feed: Number on Feed, Number Placed on Feed, Number Marketed, and Other Disappearance, 1000+ Capacity Feedlots, By Month, State, and United States 2009-2010

State	Number on Feed 1/					Number Placed on Feed			Number Marketed			Other Disappearance		
	May 1, 2010					During April			During April			During April 2/		
	May 1, 2009	April 1, 2010	Number	as % of 2009	as % of April	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2008	2010 as % of 2009	2009	2010	2010 as % of 2009
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>			<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	311	278	268	86	96	21	16	76	38	24	63	2	2	100
CA	450	440	435	97	99	68	49	72	61	51	84	2	3	150
CO	1,010	930	940	93	101	150	170	113	165	145	88	15	15	100
ID	210	205	210	100	102	30	27	90	29	21	72	1	1	100
IA	540	600	600	111	100	79	76	96	68	72	106	1	4	400
KS	2,180	2,240	2,130	98	95	330	315	95	410	405	99	20	20	100
NE	2,270	2,290	2,240	99	98	350	400	114	395	435	110	5	15	300
NM	120	D	D	D	D	11	D	D	25	D	D	3	D	D
OK	315	340	325	103	96	52	57	110	66	70	106	1	2	200
SD	230	235	235	102	100	39	39	100	33	38	115	1	1	100
TX	2,680	2,640	2,510	94	95	395	400	101	510	510	100	15	20	133
WA	161	171	175	109	102	26	29	112	24	24	100	1	1	100
Other Sts	345	*398	385	X	97	49	51	X	47	59	X	2	5	X
US	10,822	*10,767	10,453	97	97	1,600	1,629	102	1,871	1,854	99	69	89	129

* Revised.

1/ Cattle and calves on feed are animals for slaughter market being fed a ration of grain or other concentrates and are expected to produce a carcass that will grade select or better.

2/ Includes death losses, movement from feedlots to pasture, and shipments to other feedlots for further feeding.

April Milk Production Up 1.7 Percent

Milk production in the 23 major States during April totaled 15.2 billion pounds, up 1.7 percent from April 2009. March revised production at 15.4 billion pounds, was up 0.9 percent from March 2009. The March revision represented an increase of 9 million pounds or 0.1 percent from last month's preliminary production estimate.

Production per cow in the 23 major States averaged 1,823 pounds for April, 63 pounds above April 2009.

The number of milk cows on farms in the 23 major States was 8.33 million head, 155,000 head less than April 2009, but 3,000 head more than March 2010.

Milk Cows and Production: By State, April 2009-2010

State	Milk Cows 1/		Milk Per Cow 2/		Milk Production 2/		Percent change from 2009
	2009	2010	2009	2010	2009	2010	
	<i>1,000 Head</i>		<i>Pounds</i>		<i>Million Pounds</i>		<i>Percent</i>
AZ	188	170	2,055	2,160	386	367	-4.9
CA	1,821	1,752	1,885	1,960	3,433	3,434	
CO	128	117	1,920	1,975	246	231	-6.1
FL	117	114	1,710	1,760	200	201	0.5
ID	551	554	1,800	1,850	992	1,025	3.3
IL	102	101	1,625	1,670	166	169	1.8
IN	167	169	1,710	1,745	286	295	3.1
IA	215	212	1,710	1,750	368	371	0.8
KS	120	116	1,775	1,805	213	209	-1.9
MI	356	357	1,865	1,955	664	698	5.1
MN	468	470	1,605	1,650	751	776	3.3
MO	110	101	1,320	1,325	145	134	-7.6
NM	332	323	2,070	2,090	687	675	-1.7
NY	623	610	1,670	1,735	1,040	1,058	1.7
OH	277	268	1,590	1,670	440	448	1.8
OR	114	115	1,675	1,710	191	197	3.1
PA	549	541	1,640	1,710	900	925	2.8
TX	430	410	1,810	1,855	778	761	-2.2
UT	85	84	1,720	1,780	146	150	2.7
VT	136	136	1,520	1,575	207	214	3.4
VA	96	95	1,585	1,560	152	148	-2.6
WA	239	249	1,920	1,975	459	492	7.2
WI	1,256	1,261	1,650	1,745	2,072	2,200	6.2
23-State Total	8,480	8,325	1,760	1,823	14,922	15,178	1.7

1/ Includes dry cows, excludes heifers not yet fresh.

2/ Excludes milk sucked by calves.

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Commercial Red Meat Production: By Arizona and United States 1/

Class	April 2009	March 2010	April 2010	April 2010 as % of 2/	
				April 2009	March 2010
Arizona 3/ Total Red Meat	30,600	34,100	33,800	111	99
United States	<i>Million Pounds</i>			<i>Percent</i>	
Beef	2,133.4	2,212.1	2,140.1	100	97
Veal	11.2	12.2	11.1	99	91
Pork	1,925.0	2,039.9	1,848.8	96	91
Lamb and Mutton	15.5	17.6	13.0	84	74
Total Red Meat	4,085.0	4,281.7	4,012.9	98	94

1/ Based on packers' dressed weights and excludes farm slaughter.

2/ Percentages based on unrounded data.

3/ Breakdown by class not available, includes total beef, veal, pork, lamb, and mutton.

Commercial Livestock Slaughter: Arizona and U.S., January - April 2010 1/

Species	Arizona			United States		
	January - April			January - April		
	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight	Number Slaughtered	Total Live Weight	Average Live Weight
Cattle	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds	1,000 Head	1,000 Pounds	Pounds
Hogs	175.8	227,682	1,299	11,014.6	13,988,817	1,275
	.6	140	264	36,685.4	9,953,408	272

1/ Includes slaughter under Federal inspection and other Commercial slaughter, excludes farm slaughter.

Hired Workers: Wage Rates for Type of Workers and All Hired Workers by Region and United States, April 11-17, 2010 1/

U.S. and Region	Type of Worker			Wage Rates for All Hired Workers
	Field	Livestock	Field & Livestock Combined	
Dollars per Hour				
Northeast I	10.43	9.89	10.25	10.87
Northeast II	10.43	9.12	10.00	10.60
Appalachian I	9.87	10.59	10.10	10.63
Appalachian II	9.47	9.69	9.55	10.20
Southeast	8.86	9.73	9.10	9.47
FL	9.10	10.00	9.25	10.22
Lake	10.95	10.18	10.55	11.18
Cornbelt I	11.11	9.75	10.70	11.25
Cornbelt II	10.47	11.23	10.75	10.87
Delta	9.37	8.92	9.20	9.85
Northern Plains	11.84	10.92	11.40	11.83
Southern Plains	9.56	10.25	9.90	10.30
Mountain I	9.63	9.56	9.60	10.14
Mountain II	10.90	11.15	11.00	11.93
Mountain III 2/	9.18	10.97	10.25	11.10
Pacific	10.02	11.73	10.25	11.18
CA	10.00	11.10	10.21	11.12
HI 4/	11.65	13.90	11.84	13.99
US 3/	10.04	10.31	10.13	10.83

1/ Excludes Agricultural Service Workers.

2/ AZ and NM.

3/ Excludes AK.

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May Farm Prices Received Index Up 3 Points

The preliminary All Farm Products Index of Prices Received by Farmers in May, at 141 percent, based on 1990-1992=100, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from April. The Crop Index is up 1 point (0.7 percent) and the Livestock Index increased 4 points (3.1 percent). Producers received higher prices for lettuce, broilers, hogs, and strawberries and lower prices for onions, eggs, sweet corn, and tomatoes. In addition to prices, the overall index is also affected by the seasonal change based on a 3-year average mix of commodities producers sell. Increased monthly marketings of sweet corn, broilers,

grapes, and wheat offset decreased marketings of cattle, milk, apples, and corn.

The preliminary All Farm Products Index is up 11 points (8.5 percent) from May 2009. The Food Commodities Index, at 142, increased 3 points (2.2 percent) from last month and increased 16 points (13 percent) from May 2009.

Prices Paid Index Unchanged

The May Index of Prices Paid for Commodities and Services, Interest, Taxes, and Farm Wage Rates (PPITW) is 183 percent of the 1990-1992 average. The index is unchanged from April but 3 points

(1.7 percent) above May 2009. Higher prices in May for nitrogen, diesel, mixed fertilizer, and hay & forages offset lower prices for complete feeds, concentrates, feeder pigs, and feeder cattle.

Prices Received by Farmers: Arizona and United States, May 2009 and 2010 and April 2010

Commodity	Unit	Arizona			United States		
		May 2009 Entire Month	April 2010 Entire Month	May 2010 Mid-Month	May 2009 Entire Month	April 2010 Entire Month	May 2010 Mid-Month
Upland Cotton	\$ Lb	1/	0.727	1/	0.449	0.662	0.643
Durum Wheat 2/	\$ Bu	2/	1/	1/	7.05	4.23	4.27
Alfalfa Hay Baled 3/	\$ Ton	150.00	125.00	125.00	137.00	113.00	121.00
Cows 4/	\$ Cwt	49.00	61.00	63.00	48.80	57.50	59.50
Steers and Heifers	\$ Cwt	86.00	98.00	99.00	87.70	101.00	101.00
Beef Cattle 5/	\$ Cwt	66.80	77.70	79.20	83.20	95.70	96.50
Calves	\$ Cwt	108.00	126.00	120.00	111.00	122.00	123.00
All Milk 6/	\$ Cwt	11.00	14.00	14.00	11.60	14.60	15.00

1/ Prices not published to avoid disclosure of individual operations or insufficient sales.

2/ Not available for Arizona.

3/ Mid-month.

4/ Beef cows and cull dairy cows sold for slaughter.

5/ "Cows" and "steers and heifers" combined.

6/ Preliminary; before for hauling. Includes quality, quantity, and other premiums. Excludes hauling subsidies.

United States Price Index Summary Table

Index 1990-92 = 100	2009		2010	
	April	May	April	May
Prices Received	129	130	138	141
Prices Paid	180	180	183	183
Ratio 1/	72	72	75	77

1/ Ratio of index of prices received by farmers to index of prices paid by farmers.